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SUBJ: INTERDICTION OPERATION - ASSESSMENT OF BAHAMIAN MARINE
POLICE CAPABILITIES

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1. GCOB MARINE POLICE WOULD BE HARD-PRESSED TO DEAL WITH
WELL ARMED MEN AND BOATS AT THIS TIME. TWO OF THE FOUR
60 FT. VOSPER POLICE BOATS ARE IN DRYDOCK AT SYMONETTE
SHIPYARD BEING REFURBISHED FOR TURNOVER TO THE NEW
BAHAMAS DEFENSE FORCE (BDF), AND THE OTHER TWO ARE IN
MARGINAL CONDITION. ONE OF THE TWO IN THE WATER IS
BELIEVED TO BE COMPLETELY DOWN. SMALL ARMS ARE ALL THAT
COULD BE BROUGHT TO BEAR, SINCE THE BOATS HAVE NO GUNS.

2. THE POLICE AIRCRAFT (AN UNARMED AERO-COMMANDER THAT
FLYS CHARTER FLIGHTS FOR BAHAMASAIR WHEN OPERATIVE AND
NOT IN POLICE SERVICE) IS DOWN MORE OFTEN THAN NOT. SOME
OBSERVATION CAPABILITY MIGHT BE AVAILABLE HOWEVER. IN
ANY CASE, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (MARINE)
LAWRENCE MAJOR IS IN UK FOR LAUNCHING OF THE FIRST OF THE
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TWO NEW 103 FOOT VOSPERS AND WITHOUT HIS LEADERSHIP IN
EVIDENCE RESULTS ARE LIKELY TO BE MARGINAL AT BEST.
AS FOR THE BDF, IT DOES NOT YET EXIST.
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